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SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ: MEETING WITH CHANCELLERY ADVISOR
- TELTSCHIK

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: IN HIS NOVEMBER 15 MEETING WITH VISITING CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ, CHANCELLERY ADVISOR HORST TELTSCHIK DISCUSSED THE KOHL-REAGAN MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 30 AND SDI. END SUMMARY.

3. AFTER NOTING SOVIET LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS AND SOVIET SENSITIVITIES ABOUT SAVING FACE, TELTSCHIK EXPRESSED DOUBTS TO CODEL ABOUT WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION IS CURRENTLY CAPABLE OF TAKING THE DECISIONS REQUIRED FOR MAKING A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP TOWARD COOPERATION WITH THE WEST. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, THE WEST MUST BE PREPARED FOR EXPLOITING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH COULD ARISE. IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THE CHANCELLOR DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN A COMMON WESTERN INITIATIVE ON IMPROVING EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ON RESUMING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL OF NATO. TELTSCHIK VIEWED THE PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER 1984 UNGA SPEECH AS A GOOD FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HE SAID MORE WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE ON DEVELOPING AN APPROACH TO ARMS CONTROL; FINDING A WAY TO HANDLE SPACE WEAPONS WOULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THESE EFFORTS.

4. TELTSCHIK EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ALLIANCE MEMBERS BEFORE ANY DECISIONS WERE REACHED ON STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVES (SDI). GERMAN CONCERNS CENTERED ON THE POTENTIALLY DE-COUPLING EFFECT SDI COULD HAVE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA, AND THE POTENTIALLY DESTABILIZING EFFECT SDI COULD HAVE ON THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

5. TELTSCHIK ALSO URGED USG TO DEVELOP GREATER COHERENCE

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IN EXPRESSIONS OF POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION, AND MORE
CALM IN TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO COUNTER THE SOVIET
MILITARY BUILD-UP.

6. CODEL SOLARZ DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
THIS CABLE.

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END OF MESSAGE

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